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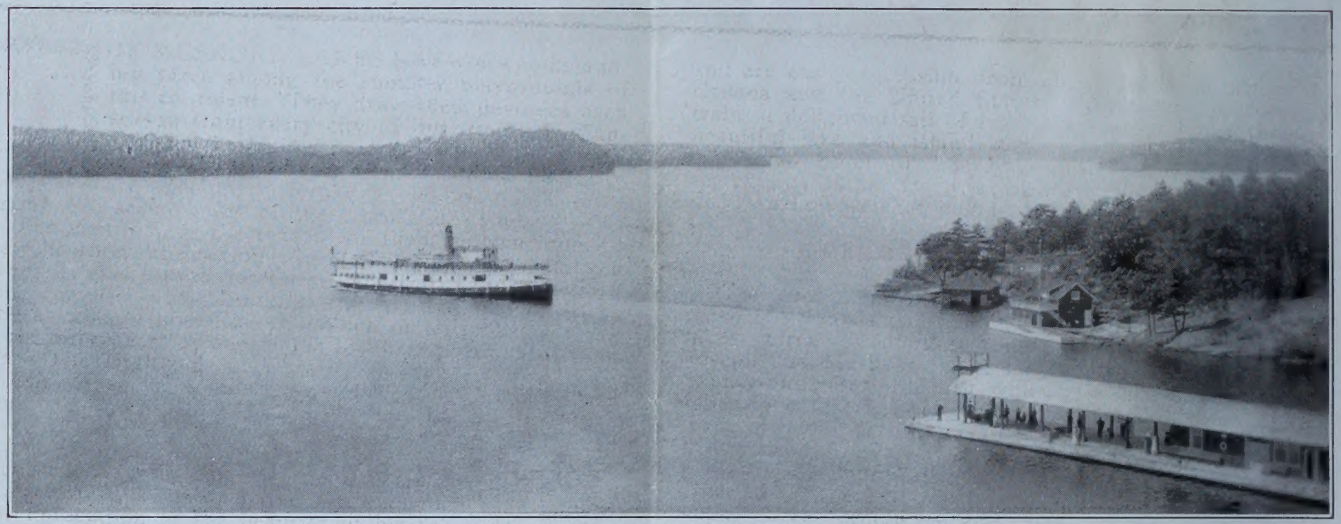

The Muskoka Lakes are among the most beautiful stretches of water to be found in any country, and they offer the greatest variety of vacation pleasures.

THE MUSKOKA LAKES

THE MUSKOKA LAKES have won a commanding place among the summer playgrounds of this continent. They draw their devotees each season from every city of importance in Canada and the United States. Indeed, their fame has carried far beyond these shores, and they are recognized to-day as holding high place among the scenic-gems of the world's lakeland.

The visitor finds the reason for their renown immediately he enters the region. In Muskoka, Nature has been unusually lavish with her finest handiwork, and has given pine-scented forests, laughing streams and waterfalls, as well as island-studded lakes. When in Muskoka, you are at the very heart of one of the loveliest portions of Canada—"The Highlands of Ontario".

The Muskoka region was for centuries the chosen hunting-ground of the Hurons. It was the red man who gave the musical name Muskoka (signifying "clear sky") to this land which held supremacy over all others in his affections, and he christened the islands, promontories, massive rocks, lakes and rivers in a manner that showed his appreciation of the beauties of his forest home. No happier appellation than "clear sky" could have been adopted. The altitude of the region—one thousand feet above sea-level—gives splendid atmospheric conditions and, modifying the sun's rays, produces an ideal climate even in the height of midsummer.

The beautiful Muskoka resorts are within three and one-half hours' ride by the Grand Trunk from Toronto and are easily accessible from all of the large centres of Canada and the United States. A pleasant journey by train; a delightful sail of from one to four hours through beautiful lake and island scenery; a sojourn at a well-conducted hotel or boarding-house, indulging in such recreations as are freely available in this great territory, makes a holiday that lingers in the memory.

MUSKOKA LAKES AND RIVERS.

The group known as the Muskoka Lakes comprises three large lakes and some smaller ones. The principal lakes, often called the "Three Graces", are Rosseau, Joseph and Muskoka. The largest of these is Muskoka, twenty-one miles in length, while Lake Rosseau is thirteen miles long and Lake Joseph is eighteen miles in length. They are comparatively narrow at places, then widen out to stretches of open water six miles across. On the various points on the shore-line nestle pretty cottages and summer villas, the owners of which have fallen in love with Muskoka. Trees deciduous, and trees evergreen commingle. Island folds back on island in innumerable shades of rich sunlit green. Tiny piers and boathouses jut out into the waters of the lakes. An occasional farmhouse may be seen in the clearing and substantial hotels and boarding-houses have taken possession of favorable locations. At times it would seem as if the steamer would be caught in the maze of islands, but always the boat takes a gentle turn and a new stretch of lake comes into view.

The Muskoka Lakes contain between four hundred and five hundred islands of every shape and size, ranging from one of 1,100 acres, in Lake Rosseau, to those containing but a single tree, or a rock rising sheer from the water's edge.

In addition to the beauties of the lakes there are many picturesque rivers in the district which invite the attention of the visitor. Shadow River, one of Nature's gems, at the head of Rosseau Lake, would alone repay the tourist for the entire journey up the lakes. With its deceptive shadows and reflections it is an enchanting and lovely stream. Leaving the steamer at Rosseau, this river is explored in canoe or boat. Soon you are creeping steadily and stealthily into the deep mystery of shadows. You seem to be in perpetual circles of branches and boughs and boughs and branches, above and below. Which the real and which the image your fingers soon discover as they slip into the soft still waters.

CURATIVE AIR AND WATERS.

The most scientific methods have been generally adopted to prevent any pollution of Muskoka waters. These waters are naturally pure and soft, being free from lime salts. The soft limeless waters have been declared to be of special value to over-worked men and women, especially if showing any high blood pressure or arterial changes.

Canoeing and Fishing are among the Sports to be Enjoyed in Muskoka.

Bathing is one of the Delights of a Muskoka Holiday.

It should also be emphasized that Muskoka, in common with the whole Highlands of Ontario, offers perfect immunity from hay fever. Thousands of people suffer each midsummer from that distressing ailment. At that season of the year the Muskoka district is in Nature's most beauteous dress and is swept by cool, pine-scented breezes.

THREE SPLENDID GOLF COURSES.

Golf is one of the attractions which draw discriminating travellers to Muskoka. One of the most interesting and picturesque eighteen-hole golf courses in Canada is situated at Beaumaris, within an hour's sail of Muskoka Wharf and the through trains of the Grand Trunk. The scenic surroundings are superb—Lake Muskoka on one side and Milford Bay on the other, with beautiful stretches of woodland. The course is kept in splendid condition by the Beaumaris Golf and Tennis Association, and is in the centre of a district of magnificent summer homes. There is good hotel accommodation. Very reasonable fees are charged by the Association for playing privileges.

The newly improved golf links at the Royal Muskoka Hotel represent the last word in a nine-hole course. Every green is well watered and in perfect condition. The course possesses rare charm because of its picturesque location, occupying a rolling plateau which commands extensive and splendid views. A competent instructor is present throughout the season. The bogey for the new links is 38, and the total 2,850 yards.

Within a short distance of the Monteith House at Rosseau, a first-class nine-hole golf course has

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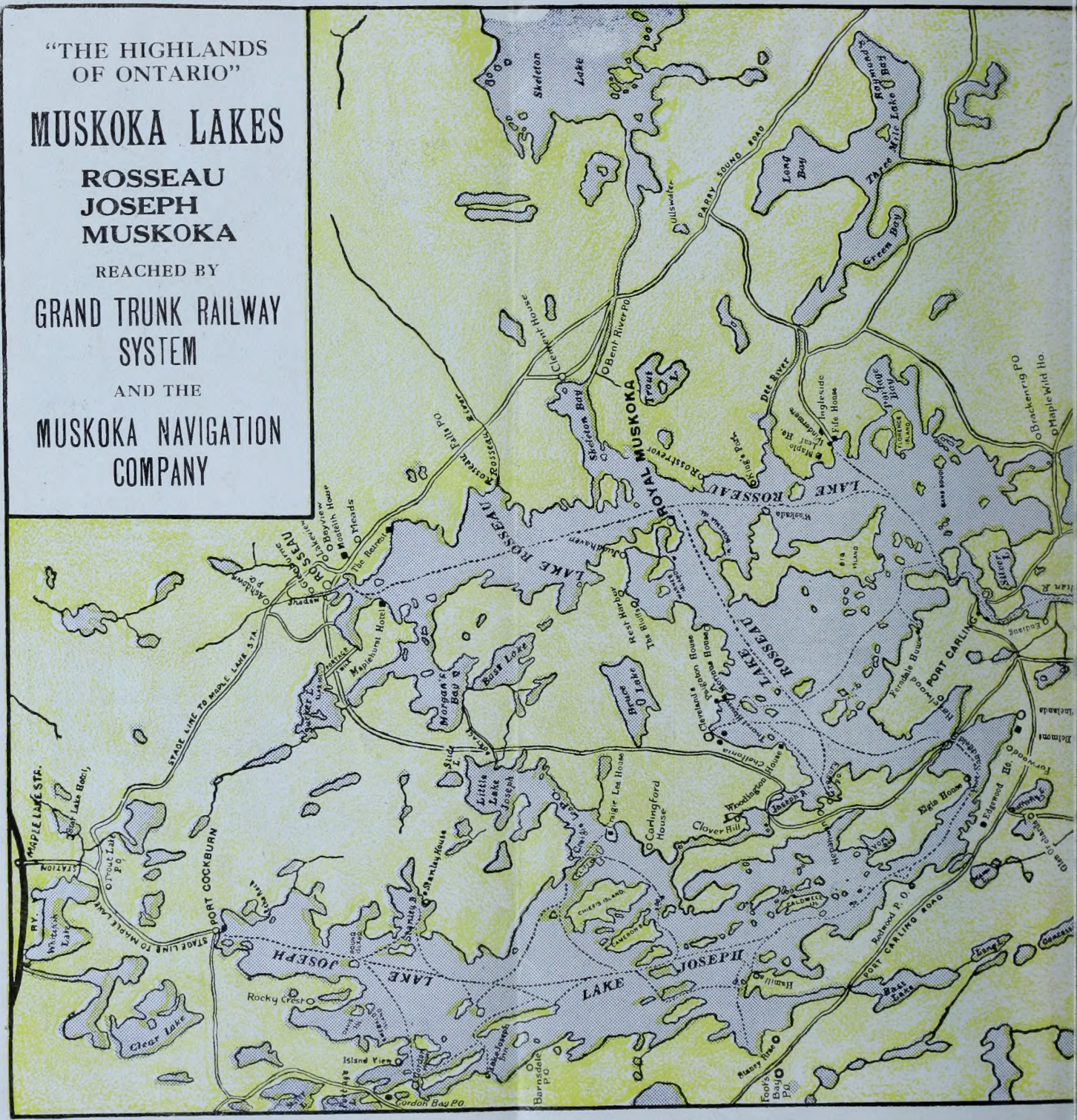

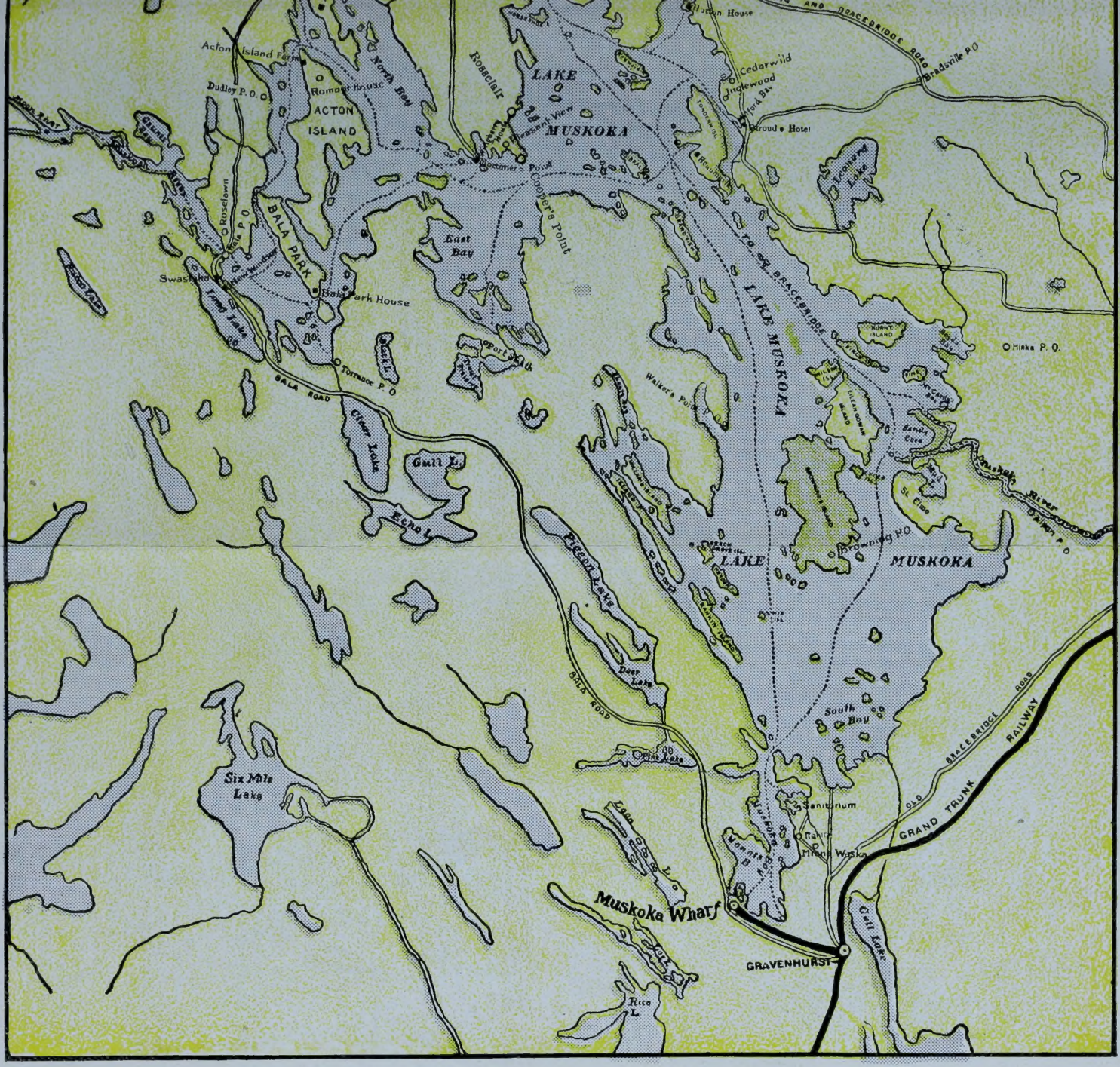
LAKE MUSKOKA
ACTON ISLAND
Dudley P. O.
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BALA ROAD
East Bay
Cooper's Point
Bracebridge
Gull L.
Echo L.
Pigeon Lake
Deer Lake
Six Mile Lake
Lake Rosseau
Walker's Point P. O.
Sandy Cove
Minnesing
Browning P. O.
South Bay
Sanitarium
Muskoka Wharf
GRAVENHURST
Rico L.
Bracebridge Road
Old Grand Trunk Railway
Bradshaw P. O.
Cedarwild
Inglewood
Stroud's Hotel
Ironsides Lake
Muskoka River
Mirka P. O.

Just a Glimpse of the Scenery that has made Muskoka Famous.

been laid out. It is now in its sixth season, and improvements and additions have made it very popular with visitors to Muskoka. It is a course of 2,150 yards, and is under skilled and careful management.

GOOD SPORT FOR THE ANGLER.

Some years ago it was found that the fishing in the Muskoka Lakes was running out and a system of re-stocking was commenced. The Provincial Government has from year to year deposited several thousands of bass fry. The Dominion Government deposited several thousand of Atlantic salmon fry. There is now in operation each season at Port Carling, a pickerel hatchery, from which the lakes receive several millions of pickerel fry. As a result, the fishing in the Muskoka Lakes has been very much improved within the last few years, and now, many fine catches are made. There are many small lakes tributary to the Muskoka Lakes that have good fishing. Many of these trips to the inland lakes can be made in a day. Guides, boats, canoes, etc., can be obtained from practically all of the resort houses.

Motor boating, canoeing, tennis, bowling, bathing, steamer trips and other recreations are well provided for in the region.

MUSKOKA HOTELS ARE FAMOUS.

In the variety of excellent accommodation offered to the visitor, Muskoka has few rivals among resort districts. You may make a choice of hotels, ranging from the modest to the fashionable, of boarding-houses, of peaceful country homes or of cozy island cottages.

The Royal Muskoka Hotel, located on Lake Rosseau, is one of the finest summer hotels in Canada. The hotel has accommodation for three hundred guests, and among other attractions has a splendid nine-hole golf course, miles of delightful wooded walks, bathing beaches, tennis courts, bowling greens, canoe courses, etc. The continued popularity of this hotel is the best testimonial to the service offered and the unequalled location chosen for the resort.

The Beaumaris Hotel is admirably situated on Lake Muskoka and has a large clientele. Golfing, tennis, bathing, boating and fishing bring each year to this resort hundreds of visitors from all parts of the continent. The Beaumaris Golf Links, famed for their beauty and the excellent condition in which the eighteen-hole course is maintained, are within a few yards of the hotel, while there are six large clay courts for tennis players.

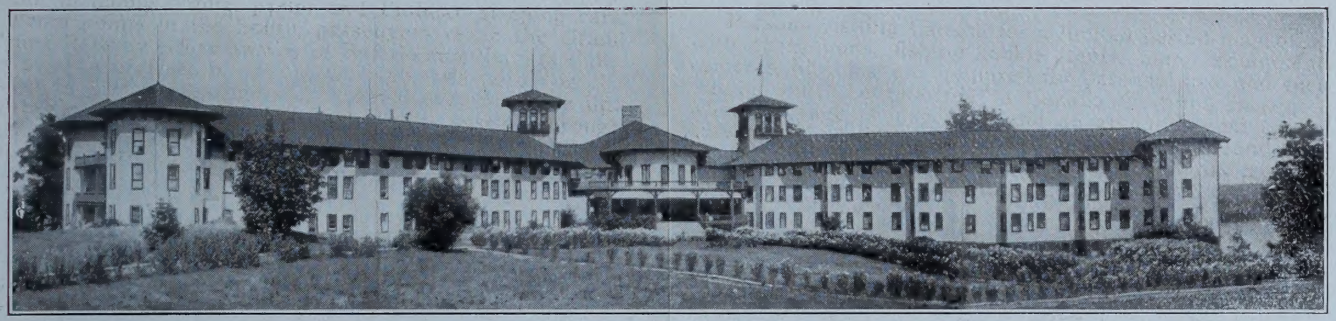
Few resort hotels enjoy a wider reputation for good service than the Monteith House, at Rosseau. It is modern in all its appointments, steam-heated, hot and cold running water in every room, private baths, electric light, massive open fire-places. Golf, lawn bowling, tennis, dancing, motoring, fishing and boating are among the recreations. It is open the year round.

There are scores of other well-kept hotels offering good food, airy rooms and a variety of attractions. A complete list will be found on page 15.

EXCELLENT STEAMER SERVICE.

On the arrival of the train at Muskoka Wharf the splendid steamers of the Muskoka Navigation Company are ready to speed away up the lakes. The company maintains on the lakes a fleet of eight modern steamers, ranging from the natty, swift-running steam yacht "Charlie M", to the stately flagship "Sagamo", capable of carrying hundreds of passengers. These steamers are well kept and are comfortably furnished, having large observation dining saloons. Three steamers make close connections with the Grand Trunk trains, and on their way up the lakes are met at junction points by others of the fleet, which relieve the boats from the trains of some of their

Lovers of the Royal and Ancient Game have a choice of Three Splendid Golf Courses in Muskoka.



The Royal Muskoka, on Lake Rosseau, is one of the finest Summer Hotels in Canada.

passengers, and, by diverging routes, are so run that all parts of the lakes can be reached twice daily in either direction. Many days can be spent in delightful steamer excursions around the lakes and through the rivers, including visits to Shadow River and the Falls of Bala.

HOW MUSKOKA IS REACHED.

The gateway to Muskoka is at Muskoka Wharf, 112 miles north of Toronto. To this station the Grand Trunk Railway System operates, during the tourist season, a splendid service of express trains with the most modern equipment, including dining, parlor and Pullman sleeping cars.

From points in the South, passengers reach the Grand Trunk Railway either by way of Buffalo and Niagara Falls, or by way of Detroit. From Chicago, and points in the Western States, passengers are carried over the main line of the Grand Trunk by way of Port Huron, passing through some of the principal cities of the United States and the western part of Ontario.

Passengers from eastern points, such as Quebec, Portland, Montreal and intermediate stations, proceed via the main line of the Grand Trunk Railway to Toronto, and those from the Maritime Provinces, Boston, and all New England points, reach Montreal by connecting lines, and thence on to Muskoka by the Grand Trunk Railway System.

The district may also be reached from Montreal and eastern points over the Ottawa Division of the Grand Trunk System, passing through Ottawa, the Capital City of Canada, and through the Algonquin Park of Ontario.

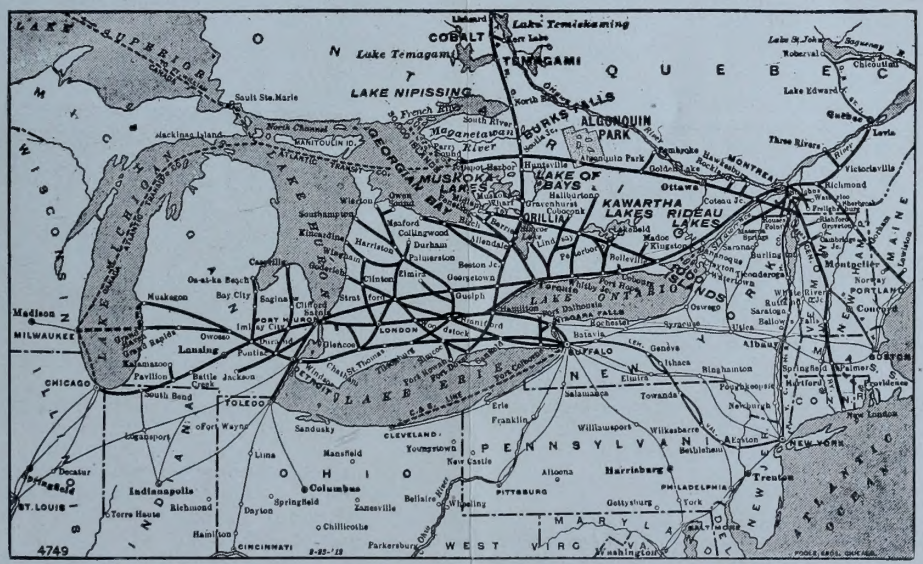
CHECKING OF BAGGAGE.

Passengers for the Muskoka Lakes should see that their baggage is checked through to destination on the lakes, but if not possible to so arrange with railway agent at starting point, it should be checked to Muskoka Wharf.

CUSTOMS ARRANGEMENTS.

Persons visiting Canada for a limited period may bring with them guns, fishing tackle, tents, camp equipment, cameras, bicycles, etc., required for personal use, and such articles must be reported to Canada Customs Inspector when baggage is inspected, and an amount equal to the duty deposited thereon, which amount will be refunded, if the articles are exported from Canada within six months.

The Customs examination should be attended to at the first port of entry to Canada, but baggage may be bonded to stations in Canada where a Customs Officer is located regularly, and, for the convenience of passengers, a Customs Inspector is located at Muskoka Wharf during the summer season. Likewise, a U. S. Customs officer is located at Muskoka Wharf during the tourist season for the examination and bonding of baggage on the return journey.



Map of Grand Trunk Railway System and connections, showing situation of Muskoka Lakes.

HOTEL DIRECTORY

SEASON 1919

P.O. Address	Hotel or Resort	Accommodates	Rates Per Day	Rates Per Week
LAKE MUSKOKA				
Bala	Windsor Hotel	157	$2.00–3.00	$12.00–20.00
"	The Swastika	100	Rooms only	$5.00 per W.
"	Jackson House	40	1.50–2.00	8.00–14.00
"	Moon Shute House	30	1.50	7.00 up
"	Musquash Lodge	30	1.50	8.00 up
Beaumaris	Beaumaris Hotel	150	3.00 up	On Applic'n.
"	Roseneath	20	2.00	9.00–12.00
Torrance	Brighton Beach	25	2.00	6.00–10.00
Dudley	Rocky House	20	1.50	8.00
"	Cape May	35	1.00 up	7.00 up
Whiteside	American House	50	2.00	10.00–12.00
"	Acton Island	30	2.00	10.00
Hutton House	Hutton House	50	2.00	10.00–12.00
"	Scarcliff	40	2.00	8.00–14.00
Milford Bay	Milford Bay House	100	2.00–2.50	9.00–14.00
"	Cedar Wild	100	2.50	10.00–12.00
Mortimer's Point	Winberry House	50	2.00	8.00 up
"	Pleasant View	30	1.50	8.00–12.00
Rosseclair	Rosseclair	60	2.00	8.00–12.00
Gravenhurst	*Albion	50	2.00–3.00	10.00–18.00
"	Fern Glen	20	1.50	8.00–12.00
"	Pinedale (on Gull Lk.)	100	2.50–3.00	12.00–21.00
"	Camso Cottage	50	2.00	10.00
MUSKOKA RIVER				
Bracebridge	*Albion Hotel	75	2.00–2.50	Special
"	*Queens Hotel	75	On application	
LAKE JOSEPH				
Pinelands	Belmont House	100	2.00	11.00 up
"	Pinelands	50	2.00	10.00–12.00
Elgin House	Elgin House	300	2.50 up	15.00 up
Redwood	Bay Leaf	30	1.50	7.00–10.00
Hamil's Point	Hamil's Hotel	75	2.00	9.00–14.00
Staney Braes	Staney Braes	35	2.00	8.00–12.00
Craigie Lea	Craigie Lea House	50	2.00 up	10.00–15.00
"	Carlingford House	50	2.00	10.00–12.00
Barnesdale	Barnesdale House	60	1.50	8.00
Gordon Bay	Island View	50	1.50–2.00	10.00–12.00
"	Gordon Bay House	60	2.00–2.50	9.00–12.00
Stanley House	Stanley House	90	2.00 up	11.00–15.00
Dudley	Dudley House	25	2.00	10.00
LAKE ROSSEAU				
Windermere	Windermere House	200	3.00–3.50	15.00–20.00
"	Fife House	60	2.00	8.00–10.00
"	Ingleside House	50	1.25	7.00–8.00
"	Maple Leaf	60	1.50	6.00–10.00
"	King's Park	75	2.00	11.00 up
Royal Muskoka	Royal Muskoka	300	3.50 up	18.00 up
Judd Haven	Ernscliffe	100	2.00–3.00	10.00–18.00
"	Rest Harbor	25	2.00	8.00–11.00
"	The Bluff	50	2.00 up	9.00–12.00
Maplehurst	Maplehurst Hotel	30	2.25 up	14.00–18.00
Rosseau	*Monteith House	250	3.00–5.00	17.50–30.00
"	Rossmoyne	50	1.50–2.00	10.00–14.00
"	Bay View	30	1.25	8.00
"	Lakeview	20	1.50–2.00	10.00–12.00
"	Glenburnie	20	On application	
"	The Retreat	25	.....	10.00–12.00
Morinus	Morinus House	100	2.00	10.00–15.00
"	Cleveland House	150	2.50	14.00–18.00
Minett	Paignton House	55	2.00–2.50	8.00–10.00
"	Thorel House	60	2.00	10.00–14.00
Woodington	Woodington House	125	2.00–3.00	13.00–20.00
Gregory	Nepahwin	100	2.50	14.00–18.00
Port Sandfield	Shardlow	20	On application	
"	Edgewood	30	On application	
"	Shottery	25	2.00	10.00–12.00
"	Ferndale	100	2.50	10.00–15.00
INDIAN RIVER (between Lakes Muskoka and Rosseau)				
Port Carling	Port Carling House	50	1.50–2.50	10.00–14.00
"	Oak Crest	25	1.50	8.00–10.00
"	Havington Farm	15	1.50–2.00	8.00–10.00
"	Endiang	70	2.50	8.00–12.00

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The City of Toronto is the objective point for all traffic for the "Highlands of Ontario"—a beautiful city full of interest to the tourist and sightseer. Each year during the latter part of the summer, the Canadian National Exhibition, which is considered to be the best annual affair on the continent, is held here and is well worth a visit. In 1919 the Exhibition will be held from August 25th to September 6th.

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